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Object: AMENDMENT A FOR APPL. NO: 2,434,377

Message:

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Application No : 2,434,377  
Owner : Puspurs, August  
Title : Modular plant support system  
Classification : A01G-9/12  
Examiner: : Daniel Cormier

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office letter mailed 02/04/2004, kindly amend the following application as follows:

CLAIMS:

New claims have been written and enclosed to overcome Examiner's objections. description.

REMARKS:

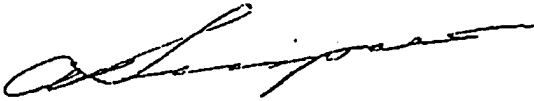
Although a stake is indeed generally defined as something that is driven into the ground, this definition should not preclude other uses for stakes. The beauty of this instant invention is the use of simple sticks, referred to as "stakes" to perform various functions. Because one embodiment of the invention shows a stake with an integrated tip which can be used unchanged throughout the construction of a structure, it became simpler to use the word "stake" to define the part. Much as a hammer, defined as an implement to drive down nails, can be used as a paper weight or a door stopper while still being called a hammer, the stakes of this instant invention can still be called stakes even though they perform various functions and even when their tip is removed and they can no longer be practically driven into the ground.

The claims have been rewritten taking into account Examiner's comments and are believed to distinguish over the prior art and be less ambiguous or unclear.

#### Requests For Constructive Assistance

The undersigned has made a diligent effort to amend the claims of this application so that they define unobvious structure because it produces new and unexpected results. If for any reasons the claims of this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more claims or in making constructive suggestions in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very Respectfully,



August Puspurs  
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